

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

19. (Currently Amended) A device having a surface relief structure which has a plurality of regions,

wherein the regions include gray scale regions, which are smaller than 0.25 mm in width and which together are for generating a macroscopic graphic, line art or text image,

each gray scale region having a structure selected from a predefined group of different non-diffracting grey scale region structure types, each structure type having physical characteristics which provide a particular level of diffuse scattering of incident light,

the different gray scale region types having, by reason of their differing diffuse scattering characteristics, different intensities when the device is illuminated by a light source and viewed by an observer from any direction whereby the grey scale regions generate the macroscopic graphic, line art or text image composed of different grey scales.

20. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 19 wherein each non-diffracting grey scale region structure type has one or more graphic elements, line art or text images represented in microscopic size in its surface relief structure.

21. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 20 wherein each microscopic grey scale region is of size 120 micron by 120 micron or less.

22. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 20 wherein an image is represented in the physical characteristics of the physical characteristics of each non-diffracting grey scale region structure type, the image in each case being substantially the same but with

differing diffuse scattering characteristics in differing non-diffracting grey scale region structure types.

23. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 20, wherein different graphic elements, line art or images are represented in different non-diffracting grey scale region structure types.

24. (Currently Amended) A device having a surface relief structure which has a regular array of regions, each region being smaller than 0.25 mm in width, wherein a large number of regions are non-diffracting grey scale regions with diffuse scattering characteristics for generating a macroscopic graphic, line art or text image, each grey scale region having one or more graphic elements, line art or text images presented in microscopic size in its surface relief structure so that each grey scale region appears to an observer to be a particular shade of gray when viewed from any direction whereby the observer observes the macroscopic graphic, line art or text image composed of different grey scales.

25. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 24 wherein each grey scale region has an identical image represented in its surface relief structure.

26. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 24 wherein each grey scale region has a structure which is selected from a predefined group of non-diffracting grey scale region structure types.

27. (Cancelled)

28. (Previously Presented) A device according to one of claims 19 or 24 further including a plurality of diffracting regions such that, upon illumination by a light source, the device generates one or more diffraction images which are observable from one or more ranges of viewing angles around the device.

29. (Cancelled)

30. (Previously Presented) A device according to claim 28, wherein the non-diffracting grey scale regions provide gray scale enhancement to the diffraction image or images.

31. (Original) A device according to claim 20 or claim 24 wherein some or all of the regions are hybrid regions which include both periodic surface structure which has diffractive effects and graphic elements line art or images which have diffuse scattering effects.

32. (Original) A device according to claim 31, wherein microscopic text is embossed onto or engraved into the tops of diffractive periodic surface structure elements and/or between diffractive periodic surface structure elements.

33. (Currently Amended) A device having a surface relief structure which has a plurality of non-diffracting light scattering regions which together are for generating a macroscopic graphic, line art or text image, each region having a number of ~~non-periodic~~ structures which scatter incident light in all different directions, so that the region appears to an observer to be a particular shade of gray when viewed from any direction whereby the observer observes the macroscopic graphic, line art or text image composed of different grey scales.

34. (Currently Amended) A valuable document having a surface which incorporates a device according to one of claims 19, 24 or 33, the surface having printed on it graphical elements which match up with, and are continuous with, graphical elements the macroscopic graphic, line art or text image formed by the grey scale regions on the device.

35. (Previously Presented) A device according to one of claims 19, 24 or 33 which is used for authentication purposes, wherein authentication of the device takes place by microscopic examination and recognition of the regions.

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36. (Previously Presented) A device according to one of claims 19, 24 or 33 which is used for authentication purposes, wherein authentication of the device takes place by machine recognition of the regions.
